

DOE Weekly Field Memo – June 2, 2010

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Public Release of Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts

Audience: Superintendents, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, Classroom Educators

The Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were released to the public June 2, 2010. The standards can be viewed at <http://www.corestandards.org>. For additional information on the Common Core State Standards and their likely impact in Vermont, go to:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum.html#cc_faq.

Contact Gail Taylor at (802) 828-5158 or gail.taylor@state.vt.us or Marty Gephart at (802) 828-1462 or marty.gephart@state.vt.us

School Improvement Grant: Questions and Answers for Tier III Schools

Audience: Tier III Schools Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

In an effort to provide additional support to Tier III schools working on their School Improvement Grant, the department will host question-and-answer sessions via the Learning Network of Vermont (LNV) videoconferencing and shared desktop network. There are over 90 schools in Vermont with LNV. Based on response to the survey, the DOE will locate the most convenient LNV sites and in most cases respondents will not need to travel beyond their SU. Locations will be confirmed via email. Visit <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#sig> for more information on the sessions. Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_improvement/sig_resources.html for more information about the School Improvement Grant.

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Learning Network of Vermont Best Practices Grant

Audience: Tech Coordinators, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, Superintendents, Guidance Counselors, Career and Technology Education Directors

This grant program is seeking proposals that develop "model" practices in the use of the Learning Network of Vermont videoconferencing system. The development of local, national and international collaborations are the focus of these grants. Proposals should indicate ways that project-based learning is fostered with collaborative and communicative efforts between sites. Grants will range from \$3,000-\$5,000. This is a sub-grant of an existing Title IID grant program. Proposals are due no later than **July 23, 2010**. Go to http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_federal/grants.html#inv.

Contact is Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator, at (802) 828-5149 or peter.drescher@state.vt.us

Educate and Innovate Grants (ARRA) FY2011

Audience: Tech Coordinators, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, Superintendents, Guidance Counselors, Career and Technology Education Directors

This final round of grant funds being offered from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is seeking proposals that develop innovative practices that support the National Education Technology Standards (NETS-2007, 8, 9) and the associated work that is taking place in Vermont to address these standards. Grant awards will be from \$10,000-\$20,000 and should address ways that student learning is impacted in the broad areas of the NETS-S 2007. There are two grant tracks: classroom, school or supervisory union, and state-based projects. Proposals should indicate which track is being addressed. A Letter of Intent to apply is due **June 18**; proposals are due no later than **July 23, 2010**. Go to

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_federal/grants.html#innovate.

Contact is Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator, at (802) 828-5149 or peter.drescher@state.vt.us

Heart Rate Monitor Grant for Vermont Physical Education

Audience: Principals, Physical Educators of grades 7-12

For the purchase and implementation of heart rate monitors in physical education, the department will award grants to schools serving one or more of the following grades: 7-12. A total of \$24,375 will be awarded to three schools. Eligible schools are invited to submit an application found at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum/physical_ed.html#heart_app. The application deadline is **September 17, 2010**.

Contact: Lindsay Simpson at (802) 828-1461 or lindsay.simpson@state.vt.us with your intent to apply or any questions.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

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